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I am writing in my capacity as Executive Director of the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, a statewide criminal bar association. I have known Sanford Meltzer for over 13 years, and have known him to be an active and concerned member of our association, always ready, willing and able to mentor new members and share his knowledge of the law and procedure.

Because of his stature as a senior member of the Onondaga County bar and a member of the Onondaga County Bar Association, Mr. Meltzer went out of his way to advise our continuing legal education committee and give input on the sorts of topics to be included in the seminars we present in Syracuse and neighboring counties.

Mr. Meltzer started the tradition of posting timely articles from the New York Law Journal and other legal publications and newspapers on our listserv in an effort to assure that our members were up-to-date with news and cases affecting the practice of criminal law. If members did not have access to online legal research, Sandy would graciously email the material. He has freely contributed his time and talents to the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. His generosity and civic-minded contributions have been invaluable to our members.

Kery truly yours,

Executive Director